

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards Program

1. Purpose. To provide information on Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards Program process improvements.

2. Background.

a. Each year the Secretary of the Army recognizes outstanding stewardship by Army installations, teams, and individuals. The winners of the SecArmy awards become the Army nominees for the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards. For FY04, the Installation/Civil Works Facility categories are:

- Natural Resources Conservation, Large Installation/Facility
- Cultural Resources Management
- Environmental Quality, Industrial Installation/Facility
- Environmental Quality Overseas
- Pollution Prevention, Non-Industrial Installation/Facility
- Environmental Restoration

For the Team/Individual Awards, the categories are:

- Cultural Resources Management
- Pollution Prevention

b. Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) guidance for FY04 reduces awards nomination packages from a total of ten pages to six. In order to comply with guidelines, nominations for the SecArmy awards program will be limited to three pages, consisting of no more than two pages of bulleted accomplishments, plus one page of supporting quantifiable data.

c. The SecDef environmental awards program will focus more on overall environmental management as opposed to the previous "stove-piped" environmental compliance. To implement this concept, installations with high priority violations (HPV) and/or significant non-compliance (SNC) as listed in EPA's Enforcement and Compliance on-line (ECHO) database will be ineligible to compete in any category. However, teams and individuals are able to compete in any category as long as there are no notices of violations (NOVs) for the category in which they are competing.

3. Facts.

a. In order to increase the visibility of Army best management practices and good-news stories, each MACOM and IMA region will be allowed to submit up to three nominations per category (they were previously limited to one).

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b. Call memos and nomination packages will be processed through established chains of command.

c. IMA Regions/MACOMs will screen nominations and submit up to three nominations per category to USAEC who will coordinate the independent judgment panels.

d. USAEC will provide support to SecArmy award winners upon request in revising nomination packages for the SecDef competition.